

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO RAPE VICTIMS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any scheme of the Government to provide any financial assistance to the rape victims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) Department is implementing a scheme called Short Stay Home under which women and girls who are deprived of social support due to family problems, mental stress, social ostracism, sexual exploitation or other causes, including victims of rape, are rehabilitated by providing the services and facilities of shelter, food, medical care, counseling, vocational training, legal support and other facilities. The Government is implementing another scheme called `Swadhar`, the objective of which is to rehabilitate socially and economically, women and girls in distress, including those who are victims of sexual crimes and have been disowned by family or who do not want to go back to their respective family for various reasons.